

House Joint Resolution 14 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa prohibiting the courts of this state
3 from using international law when exercising judicial power.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article V of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Use of other laws.** SEC. 20. The courts created under
6 the authority of this article, when exercising judicial
7 power, shall uphold and adhere to the law as provided in the
8 Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the
9 State of Iowa, the United States Code, federal regulations,
10 established common law, the Iowa Code, the Iowa administrative
11 code, and if necessary the law of another state of the United
12 States provided the law of the other state does not include
13 Sharia law. The courts shall not use the legal precepts of
14 other nations or cultures. Specifically, the courts shall not
15 consider international law or Sharia law. The provisions of
16 this section shall apply to all cases before the respective
17 courts including but not limited to cases of first impression.

18 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
19 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
20 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
21 election for members of the general assembly and the secretary
22 of state is directed to cause it to be published for three
23 consecutive months before the date of the election as provided
24 by law.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
27 Constitution of the State of Iowa to require the Iowa courts,
28 when exercising judicial power, to uphold and adhere to the
29 law as provided in the United States and Iowa constitutions,
30 federal and Iowa law, common law, and the laws of other states
31 provided the courts do not follow including Sharia law. The
32 joint resolution prohibits the court from using the legal
33 precepts of other nations or cultures, including international
34 law and Sharia law.

35 The proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of

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1 Iowa, if adopted, would be referred to the Eighty-fifth General
2 Assembly for adoption a second time, before being submitted to
3 the electorate for ratification.